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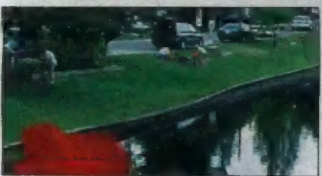
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Many roads in Minden Hills were closed for repairs after the area was hit with heavy rainfall. The roads department, at far left, waits for

the backhoe to repair the damaged 12 Mile Lake Rd. south of Carnarvon as a vehicle drives through the water on Tuesday.

Torrential rains wipe out roads, fill lakes to bursting

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Beaver dams bursts, roads washed out and water levels rose dramatically after a week of rain flooded the Highlands.

Minden weather watcher Phill Graham says he's never seen so much rain fall in so short a time since Hurricane Hazel 50 years ago.

From June 9 to 16, more than 156 mm, or six inches, of rain pounded down over Minden in a series of thunderstorms and gentle showers.

Monday saw the worst of it, when the rainfall measured 64.4

mm, or two and a half inches. With the ground already waterlogged from 71.4 mm of rain over the weekend, the rain had no where else to go than over roads and into basements. Beaver dams were no longer able to hold back the floodtides and burst at their seams, making the situation even worse.

At one point, the Gull river rose two metres in four hours, although by Thursday the level was reaching its normal flow.

Minden Hills roads superintendent Kevin Hill says Lochlin was the worst hit area. There were washouts on Ritchie Falls Road, Tom Bolton Road and Nicholls

Road.

"That seems to be where most of the rain came," Hill said. "Some parts of the township, over towards Gooderham at Irondale, had no washouts at all."

The former Snowdon roads superintendent told Hill that he's never seen this much rain in his 30 years of working on local roads.

Washouts occurred on gravel roads where culverts are designed to cope with 20-year storms, not the abnormally high volume of rain that's fallen in the past week.

By Thursday, most of the major problems had been dealt with.

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Sparks fly as downed hydro line whips trees

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Kerry thought she'd be safe once she got home. The rains were buffeting her car as she drove up Hwy. 35 late Tuesday night and she almost missed the turn to Buckside Road because she could barely see three metres ahead of her.

But home was no comfort. First there was the huge pine tree that had fallen across the road. She turned off the engine, kept the lights on, climbed under the tree and started running. The rain had her drenched

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Gardeners dig in to make Minden beautiful

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

A swarm of members from the Minden and District Horticultural Society buzzed about the village last Wednesday during their annual summer planting effort.

Pauline Plooard says 20 volunteers from the society got down in the dirt to plant more than 1,000 flowers. She says it is their sincere hope that the youth and members of the community will take ownership of these flowers and protect them.

The flowers are purchased with grants from local governments and businesses as well as funding from the society itself.



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Winn Taylor (left), Pat Walton and Irene Alexander put the finishing touches on one of the flower beds beside the Gull River.

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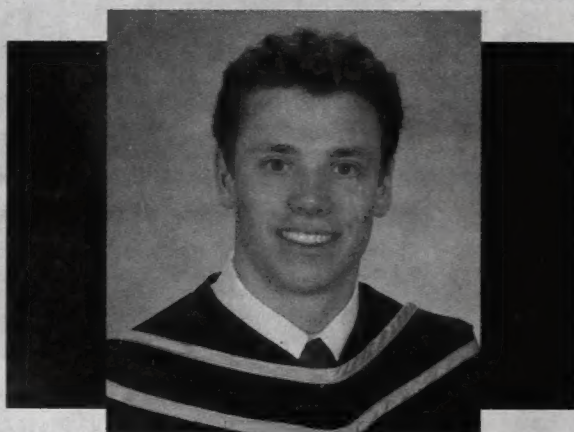
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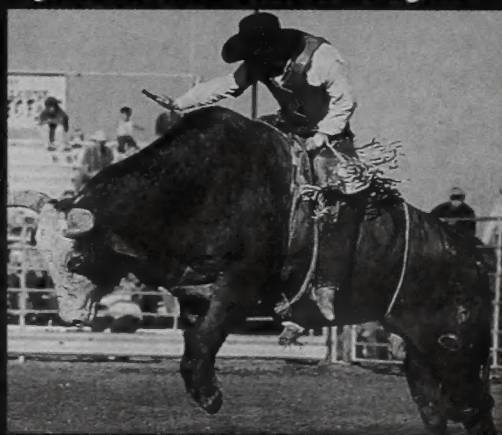
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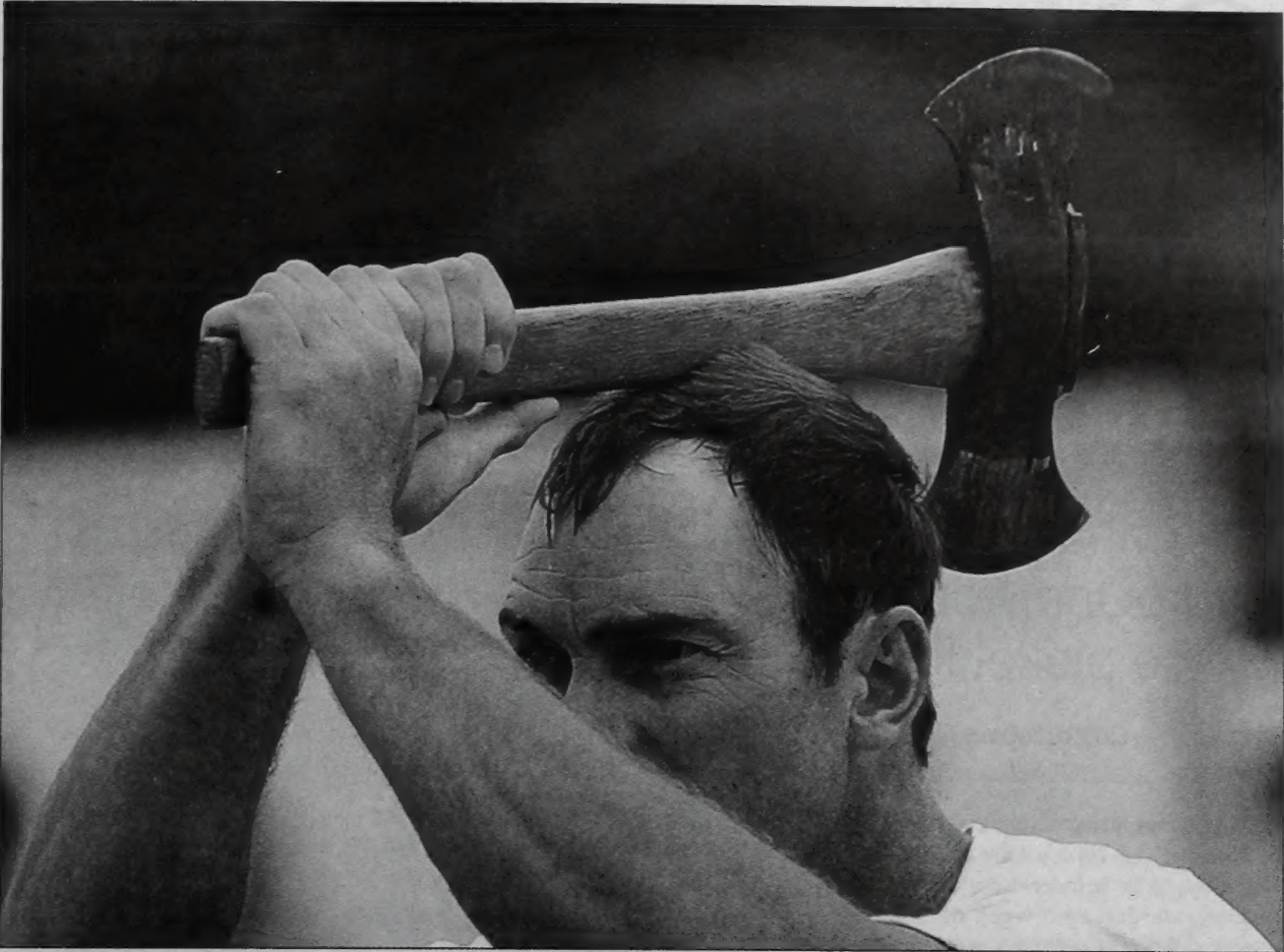
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Timbersports scores another bull's-eye

Photos by Darren Lum



American competitor Dave Jewett lines up a throw in the axethrow competition final. He finished with 13 points, giving him the third-place title.



Quebec competitor Donald Lambert chops through the final portion of his log during the Springboard chop competition. Lambert finished second with a time of 58.31 seconds.



Timbersports competitor Wally Robarge, front, shows his winning style, taking the heat. Robarge captured third with a 58.34 seconds time.

The Minden Fairgrounds was abuzz with activity as 49 Timbersports competitors, both male and females, competed in 10 events such as the Springboard Chop, Pole Climb, and Axethrow on Saturday, June 11. This year's Lumberjill is Margaret Engasser and Lumberjack was David Jewett. Organizers thank Bob Hurrell and his team of timers, Dave Wright and his crew of workers and the many volunteers that make this event possible. Sponsorship was by Minden Subaru, The Wigamog Inn

One man strike

Bill Smeaton only HydroOne worker on the picket line

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Cordial conditions along the picket line in front of the Hydro One facilities on Highway 35 in Minden have allowed for fast service during a week of thunderstorms and power outages.

Bill Smeaton, Hydro One first line manager for the Minden Area, is the only member of the striking Society of Energy Professionals in the local office. He was joined on the picket line by some of the other 1,020 members of the union on Tuesday.

He was locked out of his job on May 25. Dennis Hines, chief picket captain, says in 50 years the union has never been on strike so they were unprepared for the lock-out and other actions by HydroOne.

Prior to a strike vote in which 95.1 per cent of members rejected the company's offer, a memo from Hydro One said the company would lock out employees if they turn down the offer.

"Workplace safety and system reliability depend upon the full attention and consistent performance of staff," the memo to staff said. "We cannot tolerate any form of on-the-job work disruption."

Hines says this year for the first time the union requested two-party negotiations rather than mediation. Talks broke down this spring but Hines says HydroOne has not been bargaining in good faith. He says their people dropped off an agenda and offers but have not sat

Sheryl Loucks/TIMES



Bill Smeaton is the only member of the Society of Energy Professionals in the Minden Hydro One office. Other Hydro One workers have not been blocked from entering the Hwy. 35 facility in recognition of the work that has to be done with all the rain.

down to debate the issues.

The Society of Energy Professionals is one of three groups of employees at Hydro One. At the top of the scale are those in the management compensation package, followed by the Society which includes lower level managers, engineers and technical experts. The largest group is the Power Workers Union, which represents the linemen and trades staff.

Hines says the strike is based on two issues. The first is the Hydro One offer of three per cent increases in wages for the next three years. The union says this still adds up to a net loss when you subtract the added 25 days without pay a year that the company is asking the Society's members to work. Hines argues the Society members are on salary and working a vast number of unpaid hours now but it's a different matter to be told to do the work.

The second issue is that Hydro One's offer means a 10 per cent pay cut for all

new employees and a significant drop in health benefits. Hines says the dental deductible is going up to \$1,000 a year for new hires but in his 29 years with the company, this is the first year he would have had a claim over that. He says essentially the new employees will not be getting some benefits.

"We just want them to come back to the table," says Hines.

There has been no movement. A spokesperson for Hydro One was unavailable by press deadline.

Hines says things in the Minden area have been quiet and orderly. The picket line has been holding up trucks for 15 minutes but generally work crews are in by 9:30 a.m. He says they are not delaying trucks in emergencies.

The situation in other areas such as at the Ontario Grid Control Centre in Barrie has become volatile. Hydro One ripped up the parking lot and at night built two

new access roads to the facilities to try to get crews in faster. Staff are also being flown in by the helicopter or driven in by bus to bypass picket lines.

Some staff was moved from the centre to the Trinity office in Toronto at great expense, says Hines, just to get through lines faster.

Hines says in other areas management has cut open the fence around a Hydro One station to try to sneak employees in.

Hines says it is not safe for a major utility to be operating without engineers. Hydro One media releases say they have trained staff and are prepared for the strike to last up to six months. "I know my boss is now trying to do my job and he is not trained for it."

He added that Hydro One filed an injunction in Barrie asking to be allowed to disband the picket line at the control centre but the judge threw it out because the utility is arguing it has a "robust" sys-

Lights go out for 1,500 hydro customers in region

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Mother Nature was flipping power switches on and off this week as thunderstorms, large volumes of rain, and wind conspired to take down many trees and, with them, powerlines.

Outages started Sunday night and new outages happened daily after that. By Wednesday morning, Haliburton County

and Muskoka were the hardest hit in Ontario.

The two counties are located in HydroOne's Zone 5, where 1,500 customers lost power Tuesday night and Wednesday morning out of the zone's 16,000 customers.

Four downed lines in Stanhope caused outages for 116 customers. Two separate incidents in Dysart caused minor problems. Fort Irwin residents were out of

power from 10 p.m. to 9 a.m. A downed line in Snowdon plunged nine different customers into darkness. In Minden, another downed line caused a dozen customers problems.

A HydroOne media relations person said crews were responding quickly to each of these situations. HydroOne staff told the *Times* that by Tuesday morning alone 13 transformers had been replaced.

Trees on lines were the main cause of

the problems.

Thursday morning the Hydro One website was reporting that power had been restored to all customers in the Minden area.

However, 950 customers in the townships of Dudley, Dysart, Guilford and Harburn found themselves without power that morning. It's not known how long it took to restore service.

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Merike Kalm employs grace and style as she shows off a gorgeous hand carved paddle during the annual Minden Rotary Auction as Norm Miller takes bids at the community centre.

Black Bear Rally a washout this weekend

The Black Bear Rally will not be held this Saturday (June 18th).
 Torrential rains and high winds have ravaged the Dorset area for four days.
 A call from Ministry of Natural Resources officials Wednesday advised that the roads have suffered great damage, especially in the previous 24 hours.
 A site inspection confirmed that not one of the stage roads is passable even for a four wheel drive truck.
 Culverts have been totally washed out, hills are left with two foot deep ruts and many trees have fallen across the roads. Even ATVs were having difficulty rescuing stranded cottage residents.
 In places the water was almost two feet deep and it still had not stopped raining.
 The event has been tentatively rescheduled to Saturday, July 23rd, pending all necessary approvals. Confirmation of that date will be issued as soon as possible.
 Watch for further news at www.mlrc.ca

Rotary raises the ante for community projects

by **SHERYL LOUCKS**
Times Staff

The Minden Rotary Club's fundraising auction proved that donor fatigue has not quelled the desire to help a good organization or a good cause.
 The annual auction attracted more than 220 people to the Minden Community

Centre on a hot Saturday night despite several other events simultaneously happening.
 The auction raised more than \$10,000.
 The club's largest project this year is the funding of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School's nutrition program.
 The program will cost approximately \$4,000 and will ensure children have the quality of food they need to have the energy to learn, says Jeanne Anthon.
 The Minden Rotary Club is also assisting with the installation of a new statue along the Gull River as part of the River Walk project and has purchased snazzy new recycling and garbage bins for the main street.



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Unsung heroes

LIGHTNING FLASHED, thunder cracked and the rain poured until roadbeds started giving way to the onslaught of water across the county during the last week.

In the midst of last Tuesday evening's natural fireworks display, a gentleman sat in his orange truck by a barricade at the entrance of County Road 14. He had been working since 8:30 a.m.; it was 10:30 p.m. when this writer stumbled upon him. He came over with a smile and patiently explained, as he had been doing for hours, that a chunk of the road up ahead had been stripped away by a flood of water. He stood in the rain as a succession of cars rolled up and he asked people where they were going, wanting to know if their destination was before or after the wash-out. Polite, considerate and cracking jokes.

During the week several different road crew staff performed the same function. They also promptly went out and got to work on roads stretching across the county and got them patched up enough to be passable.

There are always going to be people who will complain that the work didn't get done fast enough or culverts should have been better maintained but the reality is that in the thick of things we all owe these road crews our gratitude. They saved lives.

This may seem like an overstatement but on Sunday, June 12 two motorcycle riders and an ATV rider crested the hill on Richie Falls Road and found that half of the northbound lane had been washed out. A 21-year-old young man on one of the motorcycles was critically injured as a result. The other motorcycle rider was also thrown from his bike but walked away with minor injuries. It is a heart breaker and thank goodness by presstime the only story of its kind this week thanks to our roads crews.

Likewise, the Hydro One line crews went out in the stifling humidity amidst swarms of biting insects and restored power to hundreds of residents from Snowdon to Fort Irwin. They did it without normal supervision or organization since the Society of Energy Professionals, which includes the local crews' boss, is on strike.

In situations such as this week's storms, the people on the hydro crews who restore necessary power take on the gloss of unsung heroes. The "deskies" who ensure that the systems are in place, and that the staff is available to work on those crews, are not visible to the public nor do we have a clear sense of how critical their jobs are or are not.

Hydro One's senior management has proposed to cut the salaries of newly-hired engineers, scientists, accountants, IT specialists, auditors, electricity system planners and supervisors by 10 per cent. The starting salary for a new graduate can be \$50,000 and the top salary is \$114,114, and there is an annual pension for life up to \$74,000, according to HydroOne.

In Haliburton County, a \$74,000 pension is more than two average salaries. This makes it hard to be sympathetic to the strike. Yet, not only is Hydro One spending likely as much money to pay for hotel rooms and flying people into their jobs as a means of breaking the strike as the proposed cut will save in the first contract, but good professionals who are kept happy doing their jobs are sometimes worth the cost.

It's a lesson learned not on a quiet average day but at the peak of storms, as seen with the roads and hydro crews. So far the hydro systems seems to have withstood the strike of the energy professionals but do we really want to test it? Hydro One should at least get back to the negotiating table before the next set of storms hit.

Sheryl Loucks

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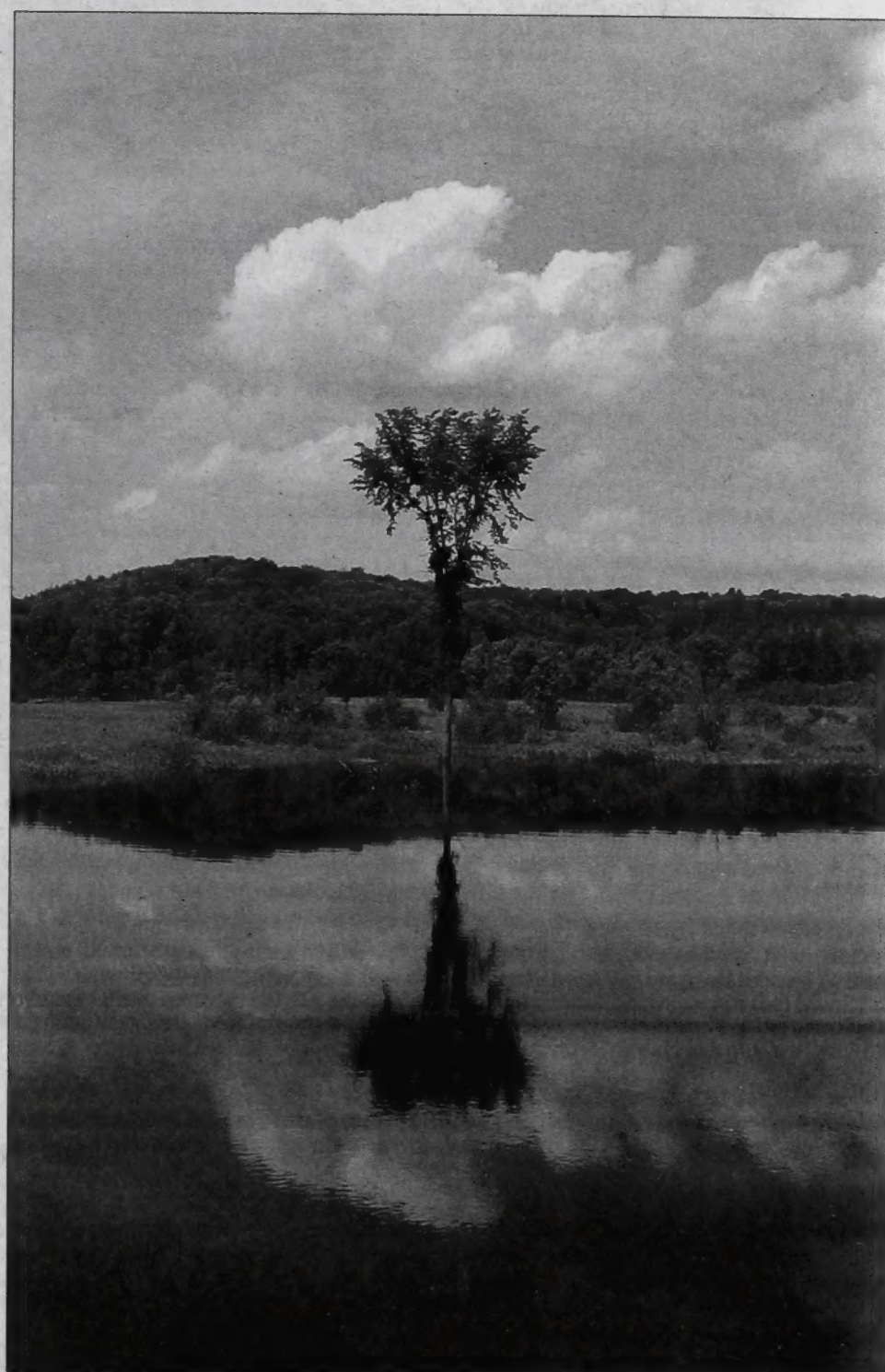
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Devolin marks first anniversary

To the Editor:

On June 28th, I will mark my first anniversary as your Member of Parliament. I have really enjoyed serving you in the riding and in Ottawa – it's the best job I've ever had. To mark this occasion, I wanted to report back on some of the projects my staff and I have been working on.

Creation of a Farm Council

The Farm Council consists of 30 working farmers from all sectors of agriculture representing all political stripes. These farmers have come forward because they are concerned about the future of their industry and the social fabric of rural communities. It is by listening to farmers that I learn what is needed and where Ottawa is falling short.

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adequate access to doctors. That's why I was so pleased to confirm earlier this month that Dr. Leon Lerm has successfully obtained an extension on his Foreign Workers Permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada. This will allow him to continue to practice medicine in Canada and I'm pleased that he has chosen Lindsay as the place to set up practice.

Capital Experience

Last October, I took two students from each of the seven secondary schools in the riding to Ottawa for three days to learn about possible careers in public life that could await them. I'm hoping this initiative will encourage more students to get involved in student government. I really enjoyed getting to know the students, many of whom had good ideas – one even offered to join my Farm Council!

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnls and Letters to the Editor

May I have this dance?

LAST WEEK I wrote an inspiring piece about how a group of one hundred concerned women were planning on stopping a drought in Nepal by dancing naked to appease the rain gods. I'm not certain how it worked over there, but it sure did wonders here.

That's why I believe a thank-you card is in order. Don't worry, though; I've already taken care of it. Hopefully, one or two of them will also take up my offer to be pen pals, too.

Hey, I think showing our appreciation is the least we can do. After all, these community-minded women showed a whole lot more.

Though I couldn't get tickets, I'm guessing that they must have put on quite an event. I mean southern Ontario hasn't had this kind of rainfall in quite some time. The gods must have been very pleased indeed.

Aside from that, I myself am quite

happy to see that their efforts actually worked. Otherwise, they might have felt silly, standing there naked as a jaybird and doing the hokey-pokey or whatever the Nepalese equivalent of that is. I also might have felt silly for suggesting that, if needed, local and transient drought-opposing women might use our place on Vinegar Hill, one of the higher points in the county, as a base for naked rain-dancing. (Once again, I'd like to remind you that there's ample free parking just across the road.)

Now that we know that this sort of thing really works, I think it is something we can all take a little more seriously. We are no longer just

talking about gratuitous nudity here. No, this is gratuitous nudity with a cause.

If nothing else, I believe the odd naked rain dance might boost tourism around these parts. Hey, who doesn't love a good rain shower? As such, I am currently working on a proposal for the Chamber of Commerce. In it, my planned outdoor naked rain-dancing site would be certified for safety as well as for having a clear line of sight to the rain gods.

But, despite my generous offer, let's not kid ourselves here. Yes, these Nepalese women made it look easy. But make no mistake; they probably practised their naked rain-dancing a whole lot - say every

Friday night after dinner? Let's face it; you just don't get results like that without putting in some time and effort.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Unfortunately, as a man, I am not able to participate in the actual dancing. But I do believe I could offer some small assistance in a supporting role. Perhaps as towel or water boy? Maybe I might even contribute to the choreography. Not to brag but I am the veteran of hundreds of chicken dances. Heck, I'll even buy the rain gauge if that'll get things going! I think it's high time I gave something back to the community.

Even so, I won't ask for anything in return. No, just seeing the flowers grow and the little children playing with their toy sailboats in the puddles will be enough. And when a young, fully hydrated fawn steps across the fields with its mother, I think each of us will know we've made a difference.

Oh, there I go getting all sentimental again. I guess I can't help it. You see, when I close my eyes, I can already envision a happier world.

Not since Hurricane Hazel

THERE IS NOTHING that sets The Brown Dog Jiggs woofing so hysterically as a change in the landscape.

Early on this June morning it is a stream that flows swiftly where yesterday there was no stream at all that makes The Brown Dog barking mad.

Jiggs knows nothing of hydrology, even less than his master, and so he is not prepared for the new brook he finds babbling across the road on which he usually takes his wakeup walk.

His master is just as astonished by the 2 1/2 inches of water that have pounded down on Sapsucker Ridge overnight, roaring down like water spewing out of an open faucet even as he slept.

For weeks and weeks there was almost no rain at all, according to Minden weather watcher Phil Graham. The ground was so dry when winter left that it sucked up all the snowmelt and gave us a spring that was almost without a mud season.

Then, there was not much in the way of April showers, until some downpours last month and then only an inch and a half all through May, and until the rains came last week.

There was a little preview of precipitation to come last Thursday and then five inches, six weeks' worth, in three days. There has been nothing like this, says Graham, since Hurricane Hazel.

By Tuesday morning you could do the backstroke in the box liner of my pickup.

A forest floor that was as tinder dry as an August drought only a few days ago is soggy and dotted with mini-pools. A frog swims in the driveway.

Dog and master are floodbound this Tuesday morning, more than they know. Beaver dams sit underwater upstream from the road to the sugar bush. A culvert chokes on Davey's Brook and coughs up water that takes the line of least resistance, which is across the road.

Jiggs takes one look at the depth and strength of the current in the maelstrom before him and barks and barks and barks at it to go away, and then he leaves instead.

His master thinks of all that water, hears of washouts on the radio and decides that here, surely, is column material and he and the dog jump in the pickup to go into town and find out more about it and find out they are part of the story. They can't get there from here.

A Kernohan crew is replacing a washed-out culvert and restoring a hill to the east on Fleming Road. West and south along Big Bob Lake, the pickup shifts to four-wheel drive to creep across a giant culvert washed down to the metal and then stops at a gully that cuts across Trellis Trail and empties itself through a cottage yard

to the lake.

Second time around, the Kernohan crew has the road open to the outside world, or at least the Minden Hills version of it, and the township staff has news of little disasters everywhere. Dog and master give themselves a tour.

First stop, Rackety Trail, where steep hillsides run down almost to the shore of Gull Lake. In the night, Harvey Kivela hears the sound of rushing water and tries not to think about what he will find in the morning.

The water comes roaring down off the hills and overflows a shallow ditch to become a river that makes an island of his house.

Last night's river is gone now, but so is yesterday's driveway and most of the soil that underpinned his deck. A set of steps now dangles in midair and a flagstone walk has become a jumble of rocks. On the other side of the house, a river of gravel runs

through the grass.

Pieces of plywood bridge a washout on Forster's Road. Water tries to cross Hospitality Road, near South Lake. Three greenhouses sit side by side in water and a garden beside them is awash.

The floods come early up on the Scotch Line when a beaver dam bursts, turning



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Beaver Creek into a torrent even before Monday night's gully-washer and emptying muddy water into the Gull River.

Where the creek ran high, the sideyard of a house on Bobcaygeon Road is a pond on Tuesday. Sell quickly, a wag tells the homeowner — you have a water-front lot.

By Tuesday afternoon, the Gull is brimming to overflowing, creeping close to the edge of what used to be North Water Street, drowning docks. That morning, says Graham, it rose 2 1/2 feet in four hours.

Flowering crabapple trees that are supposed to be beside the river are in it. A paddleboat strains at its rope, floating high above its dock. Geese and goslings, most of them adolescents now, are unperturbed.

Another beaver dam gives way upstream from the Twelve Mile Lake Road and leaves patches of pavement dangling in its wake. A road crew admires Jiggs, then fills the gap and waves through a truck that will carry part of a new house across it.

Dog and man keep going until they somehow get themselves in a parade led by a dozer pushing a float truck up the steepest hills, then down other hills with the surface of new-plowed fields.

There is no big rain on Tuesday night but on Wednesday afternoon the township crews still are running hard, trying to catch up, trying to remember sleep, and then it rains again.

Initiatives improve services for constituents

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Early Years Roundtable

My interest in childcare was triggered by my appointment to the House Committee that oversees social programs. At that time, it was generally anticipated that the government would be introducing a national childcare and early learning program. (They have since decided to negotiate one-off deals with each province.) To prepare for this debate, I created an Early Years Roundtable to hear directly from people in my riding who were involved in this field. I am par-

ticularly interested in potential impacts in rural communities, for those who work shifts or weekends, and for families who choose to have one parent stay at home with their young children.

Passport clinics

My staff and I launched our "Passport Clinic" initiative to improve service to my constituents. The process of obtaining a passport intimidates many people, and small errors can usually be avoided if someone reviews the forms before they are submitted.

Your response has been overwhelming. To date, we have held 11 Passport Clinics around the riding, and served assisted more than 2,000 people — including some from neighbouring ridings. We will continue to hold Passport Clinics around the riding each year in January, April/May and September.

Seniors Seminars

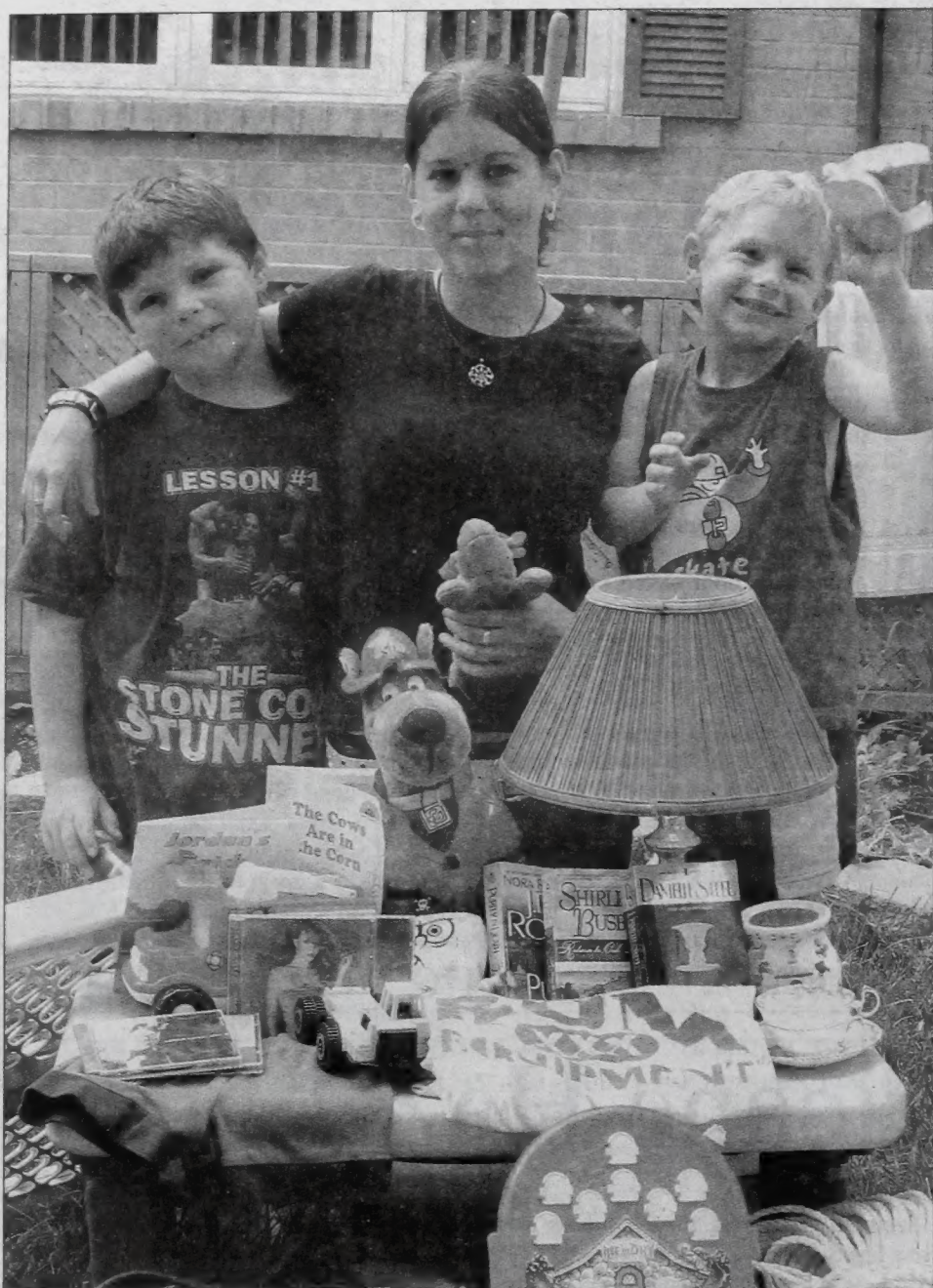
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longer, healthier and more active lives than ever.

To mark the importance of June as Seniors Month, I teamed up with our MPP Laurie Scott to host Seniors Seminars in Lindsay and Haliburton in late May. (Those events went over so well we are holding another on June 28 in Beaverton!)

Wrap Up

As Parliament prepares to recess for summer, I look forward to continuing to work to serve you in the riding. Thank you for the honour of representing you in Ottawa. I appreciate the opportunity to work together to improve the quality of life in our communities.



Yard sale for Dawson

Seven-year-old Anthony Casey and his four-year-old brother Logan have been reading the stories in the *Minden Times* about Dawson Hamilton, a young Minden boy struggling with leukemia. Cathy Arbour's ad, "We Need Your Help!", spurred them into action and they decided to have a yard sale. They have now upped the ante to include the selling of hamburgers and hot dogs so that they can provide a larger donation. Anthony and Logan enlisted the help of their very close friend Amanda Traviss, and all have been collecting and pricing yard sale items for several weeks with all proceeds going to the Dawson Hamilton Trust Fund. If it rains on Saturday, June 18, the yard sale will be moved to the following Saturday. Both Anthony and Logan, although from Newmarket, spend most weekends in Minden visiting both their grandmother, great grandmother and aunts and uncles. Please see this week's classifieds for details on this yard sale, plus one being hosted at Archie Stouffer Elementary School to raise money for the Dawson fund.



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Oxtongue centre may have to close

by GRAEME STEMP
Times Staff

The Oxtongue community centre spends most of the year mothballed. But every now and then there is a rental and the centre must be spruced up.

This past spring when there was a \$40 rental of the hall, it cost Algonquin Highlands thousands of dollars to spruce it up. Apparently the oil company did not fill the oil tank during the winter, so there had been no heat. There was no water in the pipes, but there was water in the UV filtration system.

The UV filter froze and cracked when the temperature in the building plummeted. As a result, it needed to be

replaced before the community centre could be rented.

Brian Whetstone, who is in charge of public works for Algonquin Highlands, believes that the centre just cannot be used any more. "Every time we rent that hall for \$50, it costs the township a few hundred dollars because we need to do a thorough cleaning and inspection. It just doesn't make sense to rent it anymore."

Council agreed that a decision about the fate of the Oxtongue Community Centre would need to be made. However, the decision to close the community centre will not be made soon, and the centre will not be closed before the fall.

Algonquin Highlands invests in new roads equipment

by GRAEME STEMP
Times Staff

The following items are brief reports of items discussed at a recent Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

For Brian Whetstone, being the public works superintendant for Algonquin Highlands isn't all fun and games, although he is going to be getting some new toys.

At the recent Algonquin Highlands meeting, the public works department received bids for a truck and plow from different dealers.

It may seem odd to be spending money on a snow plow in June, but it's essential since getting a truck can take weeks and then the plow must be specially made to fit on the truck. Different estimates at the meeting suggested that it could take upwards of 14 weeks to get the truck and plow to the township.

But that isn't all the shiny new machinery that Whetstone is getting this year.

For years, the crawling loader that Algonquin Highlands has used has been

in terrible shape. Whetstone suggested that the loader cost the township hundreds of dollars and hours every year.

So Whetstone pleaded for a new loader to be included in this year's municipal budget. "Equipment is the backbone of every public works, and this new crawler loader is essential to my operation," he said. Whetstone discussed how the new loader would extend the life of the backhoe and the old loader, as well as save time and money.

The council discussed the public works budget and agreed to purchase a loader.

Slight tax increase likely

The budget for Algonquin Highlands was also discussed.

Preliminary discussions suggest that the council is in favour of passing a budget that will result in a 3.94 per cent increase overall.

"With the increased cost for waste management, septage, and roads, we really need a little extra money to prepare for future expenses," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison.



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Happy Father's Day

In anticipation of Father's Day, Sue Smallwood's grade one class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School spent an afternoon making candy jars and fancy cards for their Dads. The candy jars featured a special message to Dad, "You're out of this world!" Students in the class believed that their Dad was great for a variety of reasons including: ability to cook (especially dinners with lots of noodles), trips to the ice cream store, playing football, bringing forgotten backpacks to school, and taking his kids to work. Graeme Stemp photo.

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May's temperatures turned spring back into winter

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to The Times

May is a spring month but at times it felt like winter with cool frosty nights and cool days. There were nice periods with sunny warm days. The average temperature for the month was 8.7° C, much cooler than last May.

Rainfall was very light and far less than normal. Last May was wet with five times the rainfall. There was heavy rain May 13 and 14 and the rest was just showers.

The Barrie tornado happened 20 years ago. We had aftereffects in this area.

This is tornado time for the next two or three months. Watch for storms and

radio and TV reports.

Average high: 18.1° C, 64.7° F
Average low: -0.6° C, 31° F
Average for the month: 8.7° C, 47.6° F
Average for last May: 12.2° C, 54° F
Highest temperature: May 10: 27.5° C 81.5° F
Lowest temperature: May 13: -5.° C, 23° F
Rain: 40.2 mm, 1.5 in
Total precipitation: 40.2 mm, 1.5 in
Total precipitation for last May: 131.3 mm, 5.1 in
River temperature: May 31: 19.
Days mostly sunny: 13
Days with snow or rain: 9

Student can attend virtual classes

Trillium Lakelands District School Board will be offering virtual summer school through the Virtual Learning Centre this year.

With the traditional summer school format students travel to a school to attend classes. This year, alongside the regular summer school format, five courses will be available online for students:

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Students are able to register for these courses online by visiting www.virtual-learning.ca. For more information contact Peter Warren, Coordinator e-Learning at 705-328-2925.

CAMP DAY 2005-JUNE 8th

Tim Hortons



Lenny McKnight of Minden, was the lucky winner of the BBQ at Minden Tim Hortons Camp Day on June 8th, 2005. Laureen Katib was on hand to give congratulations.

On behalf of the staff of Minden Tim Hortons and the many children that will benefit from attending a Tim Horton Children's Foundation camp this year, thank you for you participation in Camp Day 2005. We would like to thank the many local businesses that donated to our cause also.

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With everyone's support we had a wonderful day and have provided assistance to send 10,000 children to camp this year.

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Contest recognizes some of Highlands' top writers

Writers from all corners of Haliburton County participated in the 3rd Annual Writing Contest co-sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network and The Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Bigger than ever, the contest generated interest from as far away as Durham Region and Bracebridge. Emerging writers as well as experienced authors entered, and many new talents are excited about moving forward as a result of their winning entries.

In the student categories Melissa Guyat, age 17, won two awards: one for a short story entitled *The Tower* and one for a personal essay called *The Decision*. Presenting her awards, former teacher Helen Allore expressed pride in Melissa's accomplishments. Melissa gratefully accepted her grand prizes — a week of adventure camp at Medeba and a Young Eagles flight for herself and two friends out of Stanhope Airport.

In the student poetry category, Kevin Bradley of Wilberforce took first place and received \$25 from Friends of the Haliburton County Library as well as a ticket from the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network to join Linwood Barclay for breakfast on July 9 at Delta Pinestone Resort. Kevin will sit at the head table with Linwood and his wife.

David Ledger of Halls Lake won the student story category and his brother Andrew placed second. David won a package from Trails and Tours consisting of a family membership and two Hike Haliburton T-shirts as well as a Spiderman lunchbox. Andrew received a gift bag containing a variety of books, magazines and a cap.

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The 3rd Annual Writing Contest provided a venue for the talented writers in Haliburton County. At centre, Pauline Johnson, presented the literary winners, from left, Helen Allore, Melissa Guyatt, Robert Wright, Marci Mandel, and Dorothea Helms.

In the adult categories, Helen Allore won the grand prize — a writing course at the Haliburton School of the Arts for her two winning submissions. Helen placed first in the short story category with *Help Cometh From The Hills*. For her third-place poetry submission *And I Shall Dance*, she won a copy of Random House's latest *Anne Perry* mystery and a folk art welcome sign donated by Karen Donaldson.

Lorin Ledger, from Halls Lake placed second for his story *Bearly Friends*, receiving a year's membership to HHWEN, a ticket to have breakfast with Linwood Barclay and a certificate for an Arts Council workshop of his choice. Robert Wright of Buckside Road in Stanhope placed third for his story *The Chase*. An outdoor education teacher and avid nature enthusiast, Wright appreciated his prize of a set of Audubon Books on various natural phenomena.

There was a tie for first place in the adult non-fiction category. The entries of Marci Mandel of Minden and Dorothea Helms of Durham were chosen from amongst the many entries as outstanding pieces. Marci, for her entry *The Great Pepper Miracle*, received an elegant pil-

low with a local historic scene from the art gallery's gift shop as well as dinner for two at That Place in Carnarvon. Dorothea was thrilled to receive a framed photo of the Minden Museum, part of The Minden Hills Cultural Centre, to commemorate her win for an essay entitled *Shelf Life*.

Tina Heathcock of Dorset took first and second place in the adult poetry category with her evocative poems *Life at the End of Her Fingertips* and *In the Photograph*. She received a gift bag which included a historic pillow from the art gallery's gift shop; a cut and finish from Heads Up hairstyling in Haliburton; literary journals and a book; scented candles and soap as well as other items with which to pamper herself.

The response to the contest this year was incredible. Pauline Johnson of HHWEN and Laurie Carmount of The Agnes Jamieson Gallery would like to thank all participants as well as the judges for their enthusiasm. The judges were Shirley McCormick for short story, Reg Holloway and Jim Poling for non-fiction, Lea Harper for poetry, and Helen Allore and Pauline Johnson for the student short story category.

The generosity of community businesses (mentioned above) for prize donations was instrumental in making this contest successful. Writers, who generally work in solitude, have found a very supportive environment for their art in Haliburton County.

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Minden Legion salutes Year of the Veteran

The Canadian government has declared 2005 the Year of the Veteran. The Minden

Legion had more than 100 people including many veterans and their wives enjoy a dinner in celebration of this special year. Archie Stouffer student Kelsey Crowe read her award-winning poem about veterans for the celebration. Sheryl Loucks photo.

Tips for encouraging summer learning

Every June, students look forward to getting rid of their books and heading off to enjoy two months of carefree living. But studies have indicated that continuous learning over the summer months assists students in getting a better start for the next school year.

How can you encourage students – and parents – to keep learning alive all summer while still letting them enjoy some free time?

Here are some tips from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Institute an allowance to help children with their math. Let them keep track of how much they receive each week, how much they save and how much they spend.

Open a bank account so they can watch their savings grow.

Hold a yard sale or set up a lemonade stand.

Let children set the prices and make change.

Teach older students how to put together a budget. Let them keep track of rev-

enues and expenses each week.

Teach them how to tally and reconcile their accounts each month.

Teach children how to compute gas mileage on a car trip; purchase logic puzzle or crossword puzzle books; buy jigsaw puzzles and complete them with your child. Older children can work on more challenging ones.

If you have sports fans in your house, encourage them to collect information on player statistics and read about game results in the paper each day.

Take advantage of car vacations to teach children about maps, directions and distances. Take a map along, have your child plot a course for the trip and follow along in the car as you go.

Alaina Benoit awards

The Governor General's Academic Medal at McMaster University is awarded to the student with the highest four-year cumulative grade point average. Alaina Benoit's cumulative average was 11.9 (out of a possible 12) for her Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree in Linguistics. During her time at McMaster, Alaina received four In-Course Awards and the Junior League of Hamilton-Burlington Community Contribution Award for service to the community. Working in the Cognitive Science Laboratory in the Department of Psychology she studied errors in speech production and what they can tell us about the language production system in the human mind. Alaina also earned two scholarships for outstanding academic achievement and leadership. This fall Alaina attends McGill University in the Speech Therapy or Master's Program. She is the daughter of René and Janice Benoit of Haliburton.



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'There was just too much rain. What a mess'

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"I'm just glad no one was hurt," Hill says.

The costs of coping with all that water will be substantial, Hill says. He estimates it's meant an extra week of work plus all the costs for gravel.

Over at the county roads department, operations manager Doug Ray says they got off a lot more easily than the municipal departments.

The county's roads are all paved and most of their culverts are deeper. The culverts were able to keep up with the huge volume of rain and it wasn't until beaver dams burst that they ran into problems on three of their roads.

The Eagle Lake Road was the worst. On the top of a hill were two beaver dams, one big, one small. They'd been stable for years but something made the little one go, Ray says. The water poured down the hill, taking trees and branches with it, and the debris clogged up the culvert, making the situation worse.

Shortly after five the road gave way to the pressure of the constant rush of water. The asphalt broke away across a 10-metre swath but it was only a metre deep. The road was closed with a two-man crew staying on duty all night to make sure no one tried to drive through it.

The road remained closed for most of Wednesday as crews filled in the gaping holes. School buses were let through early but it was open to all traffic by early evening.

The Harburn Road was closed for most of Tuesday when a beaver dam caused extensive flooding in one portion, but the threatened wash-out never happened and

traffic was going through by late evening.

On County Road 1 there was minor flooding.

Tom Prentice and his crews put in very long days as they tried to cope with the damage done to private roads.

The worst was a washout on a private road off Scotch Line Road West. The road gave out suddenly, creating a 25-metre long gully and stranding 10 people.

"There was just too much rain," Prentice said from his truck. "What a mess."

He says damage was pretty extensive across the county.

Canning Lake is the most water-logged. The Trent Severn Waterway removed all the logs at the dam but still the water levels are flooding docks and beaches.

At Bryson's Marine, Les Feero says "my feet haven't been dry for two days."

Just to get to their docks he has to wade through half a metre of water.

"It doesn't get this high in spring run off," he says. "It's the worst it's ever been."

Feero phoned the TSW to tell them about the situation and while he wishes they could drain the lakes faster, he realizes that "it's not just turning the faucet off and letting it out. I know they can't draw it down fast enough."

He says that cottage owners will be kept busy this weekend draining their boats of water.

Golfers will still be able to pursue their favourite pastime at Beaverbrook Golf Course. Although the course is very wet, none of the greens have been closed. "It will take a while to dry out," says owner Dave Stephens, who expects water levels



Sheryl Loucks/TIMES

Although water covered portions of the Queens Line, at least traffic could continue to get through.

in the Gull to be high for a few weeks yet.

Delta Pinestone wasn't as lucky. The pond in front of the resort spilled over its banks, almost reaching County Rd. 21 and turning sand traps into mud traps. Half the greens had to be closed because of the wet conditions and bridges being washed out, but on Wednesday, golfers could still do holes three to 11, once it stopped raining.

Bruce Kitchen, the TSW's water control engineer, says they are busy trying to balance competing interests. Water levels at

the south end of the canal chain were already high before the Haliburton lakes started to fill. Some of that water had to be released before more logs were taken out of Highlands' dams.

"We're just about at the wall," he said Wednesday. "Any more rain and we'll have to close some of the system [to navigation]."

Water levels and flow are dangerously high to allow for safe boating.

"We're getting rid [of the excess water] as fast as we can," Kitchen says.

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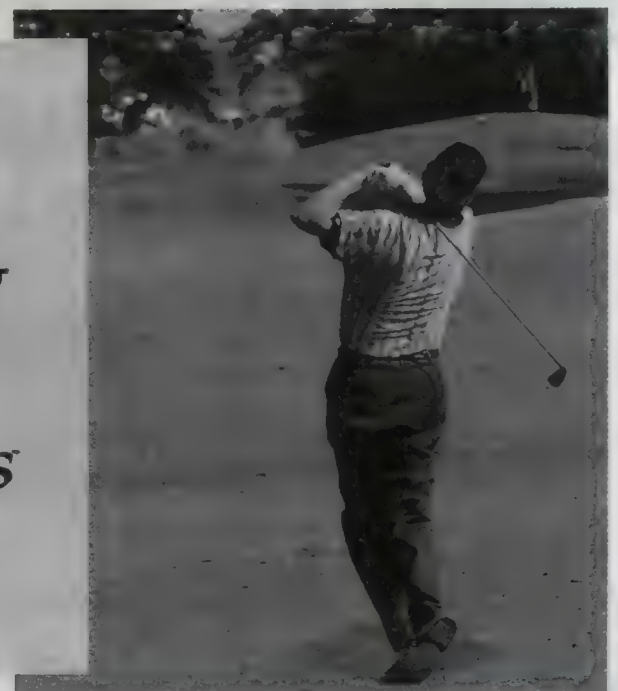
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Hydro doesn't respond to first call to cut power

Live hydro line flails about in trees for at least an hour

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within seconds and the water was five centimetres deep on the road as she ran the 30 metres to her driveway.

Luckily, she has a solar-powered light on her front yard so she was able to know where home was. Once inside, Kerry (who asked that her last name not be used) started calling for her landlord's son, Paul Davis, who was babysitting her two young children.

Davis was upstairs trying to board up a window that had given in to the high winds. Her children were safe in the bedroom as the two adults stumbled around in the dark.

They were back downstairs when Kerry remembered the strange sound she had heard when running up the road. They went outside and there, across the road, they could see a funny light coming from the tree tops.

"At first we thought it was fireflies," she says, but there was something weird about the light. "It was like someone had spotlights in the trees. There was a constant white light at the bottom and flashing lights at the top."

And then there was the humming, like walking into a factory where all the machines are working.

What convinced them that something was seriously wrong was the smell of something burning.

It turned out that a live hydro wire was flailing about, whipping tree branches and knocking them down.

Using Kerry's cell phone, Davis drove up the road and called 911. The Stanhope fire department arrived a short time later but, other than cordoning off the area the fire-fighters couldn't do much until hydro cut the power to the line. A phone call was made but an hour later, with the wire still lighting up the sky, they left. With the ground saturated with water there was little chance of the bush

catching fire.

Kerry and Davis were told to call Hydro if the situation got worse. After 45 minutes of watching the line, they started to worry that it would dry out the trees and start a fire so they called Hydro's emergency line. Thirty seconds after describing the situation, the line fizzled and went dead.

"It was scary," Kerry says. Making it worse were the fears there'd be a tornado and all the phone calls they were getting from friends telling them to hide in the base-

ment.

"The thing I thought of most," she says, "was that there was so much water on the road [when she ran from her car] that I was lucky to get home. If [the live wire] had touched the road, I would have been toast."

She's disappointed that Hydro didn't respond to the fire department's call immediately.

"I thought it was really stupid," she says. When she talked on the phone to the woman from hydro, "she just pressed a button and turned it off just like that."



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Road crews work on Hwy. 118 near 25th Line Rd. after the eastbound lane was washed out due to the heavy rains that fell early last week. It was reopened later that day.

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Daryl Moore, current president of the Minden Lions Club, gives a few remarks before the Lions Charter dinner began.

Pride of Lions

Minden Lions Club celebrates 20th anniversary at special charter dinner

by GRAEME STEMP
Times Staff

For two decades, the Minden branch of the Lions Club has existed. Existed is the best way to describe their involvement because to try and cover all they do would take far too long.

Briefly, they organize the Santa Claus parade and the Canada Day barbecue; they helped fund the new hospital; they have donated money to the Southeast Asian Tsunami last Christmas; they're helping to make a safe refuge for women and their children; and they hold their annual bridge toll booth fundraiser.

Through their selfless efforts this small club in a little community has raised a whopping \$900,000 during its existence.

But the Lions Club does much more than raise money. "The Minden Lions club has provided outstanding con-

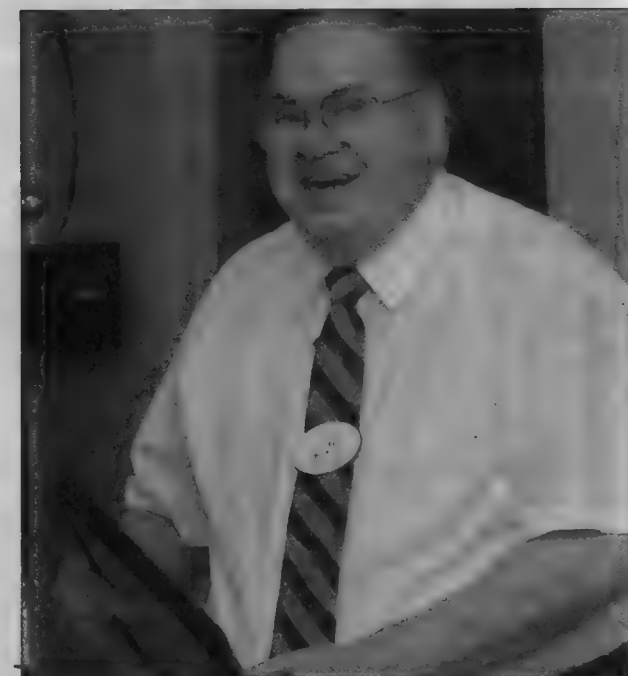
tributions and services to the community through helping Camp Kirkfield for children with learning disabilities or the Helen Keller homes for the deaf," said Lion Peter Jackson, the keynote speaker at the anniversary dinner. "Their contributions have helped numerous children gain important social skills and self-esteem."

During the dinner, several members were honoured. Colleen Mewha was awarded the Helen Keller Fellowship award. Hector Comeau and Al Eskelin were awarded the Helen Keller Fellowship award. As well, Ray Moore was awarded a life membership in the Lions Foundation of Canada. Brian Smith was awarded the fourth highest honour a Lion can receive, the Melvin Jones Award.

Another special moment for the evening was having three members present who had signed the Charter that brought the Minden club into existence.

Afterwards, Gary Foster and Joe Nicholson spoke about how many of the club's founding members had moved or passed away. Yet there was still a strong number of the originals around.

Wally Reed, the host for the evening, closed the evening with the following remarks: "The Lions motto is simple, 'We Serve'. The Minden motto if we had one could be equally simple, 'Ask us'." Lions are always up to a challenge and ready to serve. Just ask them.



Ray Moore was awarded a Life Membership award.

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Gary Foster and Joe Nicholson hold up the club's framed charter, which they signed 20 years ago when the Minden club formed. A third charter member, Leon Wright, is absent from the photo.



Al Eskelin, an excellent Minden Lions club member is presented the Helen Keller award from Don Cliff.



During the awards presentation, Colleen Mehwa was awarded the Camp Kirk Fellowship. Standing beside her is Hector Comeau who was given the Helen Keller award.



Picturing what his award will look like when it arrives, Brian Smith gazes at another member's Melvin Jones award with Peter Jackson. The Melvin Jones award is one of the highest awards that a Lion can receive.

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Stanhope writers scoop up many awards

Stanhope writers did themselves proud sweeping up six of the 13 prizes in the 3rd Annual Writing Contest co-sponsored by The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network and The Agnes Jamieson Gallery. Melissa Guyat of Halls Lake won in both the fiction and non-fiction categories for students in Grades 11 and 12.



STANHOPE LIFE

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D a v i d Ledger of Halls Lake placed first in the short story category for Grades 7 and 8 and his brother, Andrew, placed second.

In the adult division, Lorin Ledger placed second in the short story category, and Robert Wright of Buckslide Road placed third.

Tiina Heathcock from Dorset took two prizes, first and second place in the poetry division. With seven awards out of 13, Algonquin Highlands residents excelled. Entries came in from across the Haliburton County as well as from Muskoka and Durham Region.

The Fabulous Fibres Show is coming up. In conjunction with invited fibre artists and groups from Stanhope, Minden and Haliburton, the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild is planning a celebration of

the beauty and talents present within its boundaries. Anyone with a love and appreciation of fabrics or fibres (e.g. quilts, fibre art, spinning, weaving, knitting, etc.) is invited to attend. The one-day show will be held in Haliburton at the

R o y a l Canadian Legion on Saturday, June 25 from 10 - 4 p.m. There is a \$3 entrance fee.

This presentation includes a Quilt Appraiser, Tea Room and a 'Doll Challenge'. Those interested in the challenge should call Lynn at 457-2073. For show information, call Susan at (705) 286-3475 or Dale at (705) 489-4895.

The Stanhope Museum invites volunteers to join its current operating teams. If you are interested in a four-hour shift (weekly or monthly) hosting the museum to visitors, call 457-2198. If garden duty appeals to you, call 489-4895. Any amount of time would be appreciated. Positions are also available cataloguing artifacts. Volunteers meet one morning a week or as available for this. Call 489-3021. All talents or services would be appreciated - just let us know and bring along your smiles.

Caley Sisson, Stanhope's Recreation Coordinator, reminds us about upcoming events. The Kids' Stanhope Soccer League is kicking off its eleventh season on June 21 at 6:30 p.m. Come out and cheer for your favourite team! Volunteers are always welcome.

Co-ed. Adult Soccer begins on Wednesday June 22 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Registration is \$5. Pre-register by calling 766-9968 or just show up and pay \$1 per game. Come and check it out. It's just for fun.

The final swim registration for Algonquin Highlands takes place Saturday, July 2 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Stanhope Community Hall. Lessons are for six weeks with the first session

beginning on July 4 and the second on July 25.

There will be a meeting for those interested in the Stanhope Triathlon this Saturday, June 18 starting at 9 a.m. at the Stanhope Library on North Shore Road. This is your opportunity to find out about this year's Triathlon which will take place on Saturday, August 20. All are welcome. Any input from volunteers or participants would be appreciated.

The Kushog Lake Property Owners Association will be holding its annual general meeting on Saturday, June 25 at 9 a.m. It will be held at The Stanhope Firefighters Hall on North Shore Road. Call Bob Phillips, a director of the association, at 489-4841 for further information.

Have a master plan about Dorset parks?

There will be a funeral service for Don Lillow at Blessed Kateri Catholic Church in Baysville on Saturday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m., with internment at the Paint Lake Cemetery in Dorset followed by a reception downstairs at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

The Township of Lake of Bays is commencing a Parks Master Plan which will seek public input to help the township determine a strategic plan for its parks and recreation facilities for the next 15 years. This includes parks, beaches, water access points, trails, seniors' centres and the community centres in Dwight and Baysville. Public meetings will be held as follows: June 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dwight Township Office, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Seniors Centre on Hwy 117, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Baysville Seniors Centre and July 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dwight Community Centre. An online survey will be available after June 15 through a link located on the township website www.lakeofbays.on.ca. Hard copy surveys may be obtained at the Dwight and Baysville libraries. For more details, contact Margaret Casey at margaret.casey@sympatico.ca or 767-2203.

Don't miss the Summer Kick Off Family Movie Night on Friday, June 17 starting at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome to join in the fun at this family friendly event. There will be a big draw for a movie, lots of prizes, a movie sale and pop and treats will be available for purchase.

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The Dorset Seniors Club will be holding its end-of-year dinner with the location and time to be announced. For information, contact Sandra at 705-766-9483.

The AGM for Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library is at the Family Services Annex in Haliburton Village on Wednesday, June 29 at 10 a.m. Those wishing to attend or get more information may call 705-286-4419 or e-mail Elly Malcomson at jimelly@interhop.net.

Knox United Church is hosting its 39th Annual Canada Day Bake and Book Sale on Saturday, July 2 at the Dorset Fire Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Don't miss their famous fruit pies, fresh and frozen and amazing butter tarts.

The Dorset Seniors will be hosting a Flea Market and Bake Sale on Saturday, July 2 at the Dorset Seniors Building on Hwy 117 beginning at 10 a.m.

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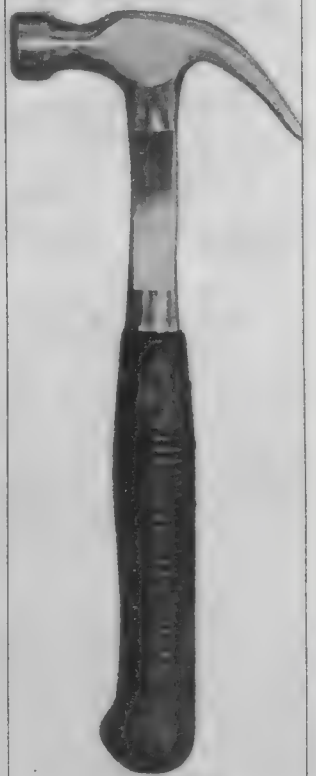
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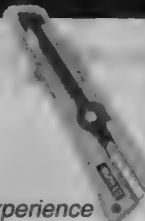
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AROUND THE TOWN

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Driving from Kinmount yesterday we watched as a young man took the time to carry a large turtle across the road to safety. This random act of kindness brought to mind a call from John Klockhoff of Kinmount after last week's column. He gave me more information about the puff adder whose proper name is the hognose snake. There is both an eastern and western type. Great actors, they swell up, puff audibly and even play dead to ward off intruders. On the downside, that toad diet leaves them with breath so foul that only another hognose would find them appealing.

Now here's a Jeopardy question for you. What do David Lougheed, Ted Wilkes, Diane Austin, Tom Lang, Joyce Brown, Madeline Pearson and Carole Jones have in common? The answer all these great community volunteers have been recipients of the Kinmount Lions Citizen of the Year Award. Who will be this year's recipient? Think of a "person from the Kinmount area who has served their Community or organization with dedication and service to make Kinmount a better place." Send the name of your nominee to the Kinmount & District Lions Club Citizen of the Year Committee, Box 15, Kinmount, Ontario, K0M 2A0 along with a letter explaining the reasons for your choice. The deadline is August 12.

Please note that the Kinmount United Church Women's Spaghetti Supper & Loonie Auction scheduled for this Saturday, June 18 has been postponed.

For that special locally handcrafted gift or fine art piece the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre, is a great place to visit. On Saturday, June 25 there will be a Salute to Summer Sidewalk Sale, both outdoors and inside, with discounted pricing on a wide variety of members' items and no P.S.T. charged to customers. The Sidewalk Sale outdoors will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the Marketplace open until 5 p.m. for continued indoor shopping at sale prices. For first time visitors the Marketplace is located on Hwy. 45 West just off C.R. 121.

The Kinmount Library will hold its Official Opening in its new quarters on Saturday, June 25. Now located upstairs in the former Township of Somerville Office at 3980 C.R. 121 the Library will have extended hours on this special day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Formal ceremonies will take place at 2 p.m. New programs are planned including introductory level sessions on computers, the Internet and e-mail but space is limited so call the Library at 488-3199 for specific information.

Looking forward to some great summer reading? The Friends of the Kinmount Library annual book sales will take place on July 1, noon to 4 p.m., and July 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., both in front of the post office on main street. There is a good supply of books already on hand so donations are not being requested at this time.

The AGM for Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library will be held at the Family Services Annex in Haliburton Village on Wednesday, June 29th at 10 a.m. Those wishing more information may call 286-4419 or e-mail Elly Malcomson at jimelly@interhop.net.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

June 8 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion: Mildred St. Thomas had the high score for the

ladies, daughter-in-law Jo the low and son Bill St. Thomas the men's low. Theresa Deak was double lucky taking men's high and lone hands while Thelma Francis won the draw.

June 8 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In North/South Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher were first at 61% with Stella McMillan and Ross Davies teaming up for second at 56%. East/West winners were Mayme Douglas and Reet Murray at 62% followed closely at 61% by Ev Morgan and Grace Boice.

June 9 euchre at the Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Verna McDonald and Syd Adamson with Elva Paisley and Frank Campagnolo recording the evening's high scores. In second high spot were Pat Roussel and Bob Cleverley with Garth Windsor, Carol Hill, Marie Dennie and Helen Skelding taking home the other prizes.

June 10 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Pat Bailey won for high hands, Luverne Stewart for lone hands and Peter O'Reilly for low hands with Martha Harding taking the draw.

June 10 bid euchre at Club 35: Moonshots went to Helen Windsor, Cliff Davison, Kate Cline and Ken Logan while Peggy Awde held the hidden score. Leading the pinks at 316 was Helen Windsor followed by Colleen Davison 263 and Verna Sawyer 241 with George Bye first for the white cards at 328 then Leroy Mowat 262 and Frank Campagnolo 258.

June 10 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: In North/South first place went to Peggy Rankin and Doug Oke at 58% with Joyce Burtch and Joan Galley next at 55%. East/West winners were Reet Murray and Ross Fletcher at 66% then Vange Croucher partnered with Stella McMillan at 65%.

June 13 cribbage at the Minden Legion: Tied for top spot each winning all seven games played were Gwen Cox and Syd Adamson with Edith Burch in third with six wins and 108 points. Don Burch and Don Hicks along with Pat and Jean Scadden took the other prizes.

June 13 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: For high hands it was our reporter Elaine Yeo while June Branning won for lone hands, Helen Skelding for low hands and Diane Peacock for the special prize.

June 13 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Sally Rose with Olive Daniels winning the baloney. High score holders were Colleen Davison and Tom Pearson

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Despite the heat and rain, volunteers with the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Project raised almost \$2,000 at the 2nd annual car wash on June 11 in Kinmount. The group owes a big thank you to the community of Kinmount and area, says spokesperson Lynne Kilby. Between the car wash, BBQ, yard and bake sale \$1,932 was raised, an increase of \$200 over last year. Everyone joined together, worked hard and had a lot of fun. Above, Dave Chapman and Andrea Thurston share a high five while Greg Parrott and Blaine Warren man the barbecue. Many businesses and individuals "got on board" and supported this fundraising effort in many ways. Councillor John Huke was on hand to flip a few burgers, sporting a City of Kawartha Lakes apron. The group's next fundraiser has already begun. They are selling Maple Lodge Farms chicken products until July 16. To order or for further information contact Lynne Kilby at (705) 488-2919.

Friendship Club members share hands

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with Olive Jones and Marcel Lamothe recording the lows. Special prizes were awarded to Olive Jones, Cliff Davison, Verna Sawyer and Jerry Schad.

June 13 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lorna Hicks and Betty Sharpe held the most lone hands with Gertie Ripley and Julie Keberer taking home the special prizes. High scores were tallied by Jesse Barlow and Mabel Deacon with Gertie Ripley taking the low.

June 13 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: Top spot went to Marcy Morgan with Phyllis Windsor second high. Single moonshots went to Pauline Franzen and Vic Ballik with Thelma Francis taking two

and Eileen Shepstone winning the draw.

June 14 contract bridge at Stanhope: Frank Schlotter led the high scores with 7650 followed by Harold Cox 6650, Diana Spicer 5870 and Vange Croucher 5270. Cathy Whelen won the lucky draw, Wally Thomson the Shiny Penny and Frank Schlotter the S.O.F.A. Award for his Schlotter on Fifth Avenue.

June 14 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: Sally Rose took top spot at 301 then Marcel Roussel 298 and Len Kroes 284. The draws went to June Branning, Ken Logan, Ruth Kellett and Elli Langpohl while Sally Rose and Don Burch had single moonshots and June Branning along with Albert Foster took two.

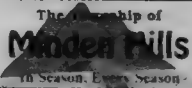


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To All Residents within the Village of Minden

Please be advised that on June 27th, 2005 E. Metering will be commencing installation of residential water meters and residents will be contacted by representatives of this company (to be identified by name tag and photo identification) directly.

For further information, please call the Environmental & Property Operations Manager at 705-286-1260, Ex. 216



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law Nos. 86-26 as amended, 4-81 as amended, and 3-78 as amended.

File No. MV A04/2005, Part Lot 16, Concession 5, Township of Lutterworth,
Applicant: GHEORGHE DUMITRA
Purpose: The applicant is requesting relief of four metres from Section 4.6.2(c) of By-Law 4-81, with respect to the rear yard setback in order to construct a dwelling.

File No. MV A05/2005, Part Lot 8, Concession 13, (Lot 2 Plan 360), Township of Minden,
Applicant: MURRAY JOHNSTON AND ANDREA ORPANA
Purpose: The applicant is requesting relief of 10 metres from Section 3.20 of By-Law 86-26, with respect to the setback from the normal high water to permit construction of an addition to an existing legal non-conforming dwelling unit.

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, June 28, 2005
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street,
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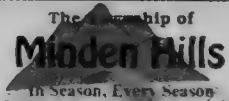
ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2005.

Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, June 30th, 2005 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 04-11
Applicant - **DEVERILL: Michael and Michele**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake lying in front of Lot 17, Concession 1, geographic Township of Minden Hills, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8030, registered April 13, 2005.
2. File No. 04-29
Applicant - **104557 Ontario Ltd.**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 2, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8016 registered March 18, 2005.
3. File No. 04-42
Applicant - **MATTEER: Gordon and Sharon**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 6, geographic Township of Minden Hills, designated as Part 4 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8037 registered April 18, 2005.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection during regular office hours at the Building and Planning Department of the Municipal Offices for the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 17th day of June, 2005.

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- **The Ontario Early Years Centres** in Haliburton and Minden, Sat. May 14 will be the last Saturday open until fall. Drop in for crafts, circle time and fun activities for children 0 - 6. Free toy and book lending library. Call 296-1770 or 457-2989 for more information.
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- **Pharmasave-Chatelaine Walking Club** meeting behind the Minden Pharmasave Drug Store at 7:00 p.m. on Monday thru Thursday. To sign up contact Gail at the drug store or on line at www.chatelaine.com/walkingclub. There is no charge for this and you are welcome to come any or all nights that are convenient for you.
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- **June 21:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting. Held the 3rd Tues of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff 286-6699.
- **June 21:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. Join us for the Joan Brown Memorial slide show on wildflowers from the Crossley Reserve in the Muskoka/Parry Sound area. Photos of about 75 wildflowers are identified and discussed. Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m.
- **June 25:** Fabulous Fibres Show. Anyone with a love and appreciation of fabrics or fibres is invited to attend. The Haliburton Highland Quilt Guild, in conjunction with invited fibre artists and groups in Haliburton, is planning this celebration of the beauty and talents present within the county (quilts, fibre art, spinning, weaving, quilt appraising, etc.) The one day Saturday show will be held in Haliburton at the Royal Canadian Legion. For more information call Susan at 286-3475 or Dale 489-4895.
- **June 25:** Annual General Meeting Stanhope Fire Hall (North Shore Rd.) 9:00 a.m. Call 489-4838 for further details.
- **June 25:** The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will Welcome Summer with a Super Sidewalk Sale on June 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Choose from a real variety of locally produced arts, crafts and collectibles at very special prices only for this sale. The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace is located just west of Main St., Kinmount, in the lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre, on City Road 45, West, Kinmount.
- **July 2:** Dorset Fireworks, Saturday, July 2, 2005, Rain Date, Sunday, July 3, Dusk 9:30 - 10 p.m. Big Trading Bay. Sponsored by the Dorset Volunteer Fire. Dept & Businesses in the Dorset Area.
- **July 2:** Kinmount Strawberry supper at the Galway Hall, Sat. July 2. Serving fresh home made salads and cold cuts, with local fresh strawberries. The Galway Hall is located south of Kinmount on the Galway Road.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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June 18 - 9:00
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 Archie Stouffer Elementary
 School is hosting a Yard Sale
Saturday, June 18
 Yard Sale begins at
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 All money will go to Dawson
 Hamilton and his family.
 Please come and check out all
 of the amazing items for sale!
 Any questions call A.S.E.S. at
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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All persons having claims against the Estate of **RICHARD ROLAND ONYSHCUK**, late of the town of Haliburton in the Township of Dysart, et al, deceased, who died on or about **DECEMBER 19, 2004**, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of June, 2005, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim she shall not then have notice. **DATED** at Minden, the 26th day of May, 2005 Kerri Paradis Estate Trustee by her solicitor Pinchard Wyjad Fleming Associates. Barristers and Solicitors, 5 IGA Road, P.O. Box 850, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 **CA**

440 THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO Dr. Lauwers and Emergency Staff. Sorry to keep you up all night! To Dwight Thomas and Gord Biddle. For their questionable driving skills and bad jokes all the way to Toronto, to nurse Carol Holmes for coming along. For the ride and to Dan for keeping up. Seriously - Thank you for the quick and excellent care as always. Thanks to my family who are always there for me and a special thanks to Scot and Dawson for coming to cheer me up. It was great to see you. To Daryl, the last place I wanted to be on your 19th birthday was the hospital. I love you. **Cathy Arbour.**

440 THANK YOU

THE BLAKEY FAMILY wish to express their deepest and most heartfelt thank you, to their community, for coming together in remembrance of Mom (Elaine). She was a blessed lady, just knowing all of you. Special thanks to Monks, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Masonic Order, Father Tim Sharpe, The Most Reverend Andy Hutchinson, and the rest, you know who you are: Thank You, **Don, Wama, Shane and David.** **CA**

450 IN MEMORIAM

BISHOP, EBBIE - In loving memory of a cherished husband and a wonderful father and grandpa, Ebbie Bishop, June 18, 2004. Ebbie, your time with us enriched our lives in so many ways. You gave us unconditional love, support and filled our lives with happiness. You will always be part of our family. We feel your presence and know we are loved and being watched over. You are in our daily thoughts and our love for you will live on forever. Your loving wife **Ruth**, Daughters and Grandchildren.

CAMERON, NOREEN - In memory of my dear wife Noreen Cameron who passed away June 19, 2004. God saw you getting tired. A cure was not to be. So he put His arms around you, And whispered, "come to me" With tearful eyes we watched you, And saw you fade away. Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay. Many times we'll think of you. Many times we'll cry. If love only could have saved you, You never would have died. A golden heart stopped beating. Your tender hand at rest. God took you home to prove to us, He only takes the best. Loved and never forgotten. Until we meet again. **Love Doug.**

CAMERON, NOREEN - In loving memory of my Dear Mom, Noreen Cameron. Feb. 17, 1937 - June 19, 2004. I miss the sound of your voice, I miss the joy in your laughter, I miss you my dear Mom, For now and ever after ... Lovingly remembered by your daughter, **Karen.**

CAMERON, NOREEN - Our sister-in-law who left us June 19th, 2004. Forever remembered, Forever missed. **Paul & Barbara.**

GILLESPIE, HILDA - Remembering our Mother Hilda Gillespie, June 21, 1912 - November 19, 2004.

Dear Mom, you would have been 93 on June 21st. We thank God for the years we had with you as we were truly blessed to have you for a Mother. You were the best Mother in the world and a dear friend. Time has not lessened the pain of losing you. We miss you every day. We can no longer talk to you, hold your hand or kiss your cheek, and you have left an empty spot in our lives. We try not to be sad as we think of you in that beautiful place called heaven, surrounded by loved ones and friends now reunited. Happy Birthday Mom - we love and miss you always. **Daughters Dale & Cathy.** Do not stand by my grave & weep I am not there, I do not sleep I am a thousand winds that blow I am the diamond glints on the snow I am the sun on ripened grain I am the gentle autumn rain When you awaken in morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled light I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry I am not there, I did not die.

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460 OBITUARIES

HAROLD GRANT "JIM" GAHAGAN
 Passed away peacefully at
 Hyland Crest Senior Citizens
 Home, Minden
 on Sunday, June 5, 2005.
 In his 96th year.

Beloved husband of the late Hazel. Dear father of Beth Windover of Minden. Loving grandfather of Kris and Kevin both of Minden. Dear brother of the late Howard and Herb. Fondly remembered by his nephew Gary Norman and his wife Tina. A Private Family Service will be held on Monday, June 13, 2004 at Glendale Memorial gardens. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888) 588-5777.

AT REST
ERNEST HAMILTON
 Peacefully, on
Wednesday, June 8, 2005
 Ernest, loving husband of Elinor (Young), beloved father of Janet Norman of Sault Ste. Marie, Jim of Arris, Gilbert of Bradford and Cathy Hammond of Bedford, NS. Loving father-in-law of Donald Norman, Brenda Hamilton, Anne Hamilton and Guy Hammond. He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Chloe, Kalen, Ruben, Avery, Miles, Thompson, Daniel, Elinor and Wyatt. Ernest was predeceased by his father, mother and sister Betty. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden K0M 2K0 (1-888) 588-5777 on Saturday, June 11, 2005 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on Sunday, June 12, 2005 for Funeral Service at 3:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Society or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

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NANCY CLARKE EARL
 (nee: Hotchkiss)
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 After a brave battle with cancer.
 Of Hartwood Drive, Belleville, at
 the age of 72.
 Predeceased by her husband
 Michael Earl and grandson
 Michael Timmers. Lovingly
 remembered by her daughter
 Catharine Nutt and husband
 Peter of Ottawa, Wendy Alguire
 and husband Chris of
 Ameliasburgh, Hotch Earl and
 wife Sheila of Ameliasburgh.
 Proud Nannie, Gram and
 Grandma to James and Aileen,
 Jaime, David John and Patricia,
 Michael and Tami, Corey, Tyler
 and Jesse. Great grandma to
 Mackenzie, Regan, Katia,
 Americas and, Alexis. She will
 be fondly remembered by the
 many close friends she has
 touched through the years.

Mrs. Earl rested at
The Whattam Funeral Home
33 Main Street West
Pictou, Ont.

A Memorial Mass was held at
 St. Mary Magdalene Anglican
 Church Pictou on Wednesday,
 June 15 at 2:00 p.m. Reverend
 Karen Duke officiating.
 Visitation was held at the
 Whattam Funeral Home on
 Tuesday, June 14, 2005, from
 7:00 til 9:00 p.m. If desired,
 donations to Ontario Heart &
 Stroke Foundation or Charity of
 Choice would be appreciated by
 the family. On-line donation and
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460 OBITUARIES

OLIVER, WILLIAM ALEXANDER - Entered into rest peacefully at Residence on William, Lindsay on Monday, June 13, 2005, in his 98th year. William was the husband of the late Marion Hewie (1994). Loving father of Catherine and her husband Gareth Kellett. Ray and his wife Gwen, Marilyn and her husband Mike Parks. Cherished grandfather of Janine and Lori Anne; Steven, Robert and Douglas; Joanne, Jeffery and Susanne and great grandfather of 13. Predeceased by two sisters and four brothers. Mr. Oliver was resting at the Mackey Funeral Home, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay on Thursday, June 16th from 11:00 a.m. until the time of funeral service in the chapel at 12 noon. Interment followed at Eden Cemetery, Cambray. If desired, memorial donations to the Salvation Army or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

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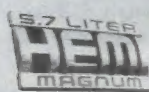


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